

SERVICE MANUAL

ADCOM®

POWER AMPLIFIER

GFA-555II

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INTRODUCTION

This service manual is intended to assist trained and qualified technical personnel in verifying the performance of, adjusting, and repairing the ADCOM GFA-555II power amplifier. The procedures described here are not intended for persons unfamiliar with the appropriate safety and test procedures.

WARNING

THERE ARE POTENTIALLY LETHAL VOLTAGES WITHIN THE GFA-555II AMPLIFIER WHICH WILL BE ACCESSIBLE ONCE ITS TOP COVER IS REMOVED. DO NOT ATTEMPT FAMILIARIZATION, INSPECTION OR ANY PROCEDURE WHATSOEVER UNLESS YOU HAVE DISCONNECTED THE GFA-555II FROM THE WALL AC OUTLET OR OTHER SOURCE OF AC POWER AND THE POWER-SUPPLY CAPACITORS ARE COMPLETELY DISCHARGED. PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE POWER-SUPPLY CAPACITORS TAKE AS LONG AS 5 MINUTES TO DISCHARGE. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR USE ONLY BY COMPETENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. DO NOT UNDERTAKE ANY SERVICE PROCEDURES IN THE GFA-555II UNLESS YOU ARE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO DO SO.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The ADCOM GFA-555II is a stereo power amplifier rated at less than 0.04% THD from 20Hz to 20kHz with 200 watts into 8 ohms and 325 watts into 4 ohms. The output stage is capable of greater than 60 amps into low impedance loads. The amplifier employs a discrete differential Class-A front-end followed by a Class-A voltage gain stage which amplify the input signal to the voltage required at the output of the amplifier. This high-voltage signal drives the high-current triple-Darlington-follower output stage which amplifies the current by a factor of about 50,000.

Referring to the accompanying schematic, describing the Left Channel only, the input signal passes through network C101, C102 and R103 which provide a 3dB bandwidth of 1.7Hz to 500kHz to the input of the amplifier. C101 is an extremely high quality capacitor and serves to protect the amplifier and the speakers connected to it from DC faults at the output of the preamplifier. **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT C101 BE SHORTED OUT.** Q101 and Q102 form the differential input stage.

Open-loop gain is defined by R105 and the bias current through Q101 and Q102. The small-signal gain is approximately $825/(2 \times 25) = 16$. The next voltage gain stage consists of Q107 with Q108 as a current-source load. DC bias is set by R116, D103 and D104. Open-loop gain is defined by R112 and R113, with R201, R301, C105, C201, and C301 providing high-frequency compensation.

Feedback is provided from the output to the base of Q102 by the network R123, R124 and C106. C106 provides a high-frequency roll-off above 200kHz, improving stability by taking high-frequency feedback before the triple Darlington.

The input stage is biased by R108, R109, R110, R122, R115, R114, R128, R116, Q103, Q105, Q108, D101 through D105, and the overtemperature LED, D903. Q105 is turned on when the B+ supply is on. A current of about 4mA flows through the thermal breaker on the heatsink and into D103 and D104. If the heatsink overheats, the breaker opens and the current flows through D105 and the THERMAL OVERLOAD LED instead. When the breaker carries the current, D103 and D104 are biased at 1.4V. This creates about 0.7V across R114; Q103 then sources about 2mA to Q101 and Q102, the differential input stage. If the negative supply fails or its fuse opens, Q103 saturates, Q101 turns off, turning off Q107, D301 turns on and Q108 saturates. This holds the input to the triple Darlington to near ground. If the positive supply fails or its fuse opens, Q105 turns off and the bias circuitry is disabled.

Any DC imbalance in the amplifier is corrected by R125, R126, R127, C107, C110 and IC101. Any DC error at the amplifier output is servoed back through IC101 to adjust the DC current through the input transistors. DC bias is nominally 1.0mA through Q101 and Q102. IC101 provides the DC bias current to Q101 and can swing from ground to +10V to bring the amplifier into balance.

The bias network of R117 through R119 and Q307 form a temperature-compensated DC-bias voltage to the input of the triple-Darlington-follower output stage. Mid- and high-frequency bypassing is provided by C104.

R901 and C901 provide a load for the amplifier at high frequencies, stabilizing the amplifier under varying load conditions. D201 and D301 provide a high-current return to the power supply for backlash current from the load. The output stage consists of two sets of 4 parallel transistors operated as emitter followers, driven by another pair of emitter followers. This configuration minimizes distortion caused by varying load impedances. The output transistors have 0.22-ohm ballast resistors to ensure current sharing and bias stability.

TEST PROCEDURES

All tests are performed with a 120V, low-distortion (less than 2%), AC-power source, 8-ohm resistive load, (except slew rate), and a signal source of not more than 600 ohms.

Tests are performed after warming up the amplifier at 66 watts into an 8-ohm load for at least 10 minutes.

All grounds during testing are referred to the ground of the black output terminals, **EXCEPT FOR RCA INPUT-JACK GROUNDS AND ANY SIGNAL-GENERATOR GROUND. DO NOT CONNECT RCA INPUT-JACK GROUNDS TO BLACK OUTPUT-TERMINAL BINDING POSTS, DAMAGE TO THE GROUNDING SYSTEM OF THE AMPLIFIER MAY RESULT.**

80kHz low-pass filter is employed during THD distortion measurements.

Signal-to-noise measurements are "A" weighted.

Damping factor is measured by comparing the 20-watt-output voltage with and without an 8-ohm load.

Slew rate is measured with an inductive load, and is derived with a dual-time-based oscilloscope reading the slope of a full-power (120V peak-to-peak) 5kHz square wave. To avoid damaging output networks R901/C901 AND R951/C951 **DO NOT OPERATE THE AMPLIFIER AT FULL-POWER, SINE-WAVE ABOVE 22kHz OR FULL-POWER (120V PEAK-TO-PEAK) SQUARE WAVE ABOVE 5kHz.**

IMPORTANT

BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ADJUSTMENTS, MAKE SURE AMPLIFIER IS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE.

BIAS ALIGNMENT

1. With set-up as per the first paragraph of TEST PROCEDURES and with NO SIGNAL IN, set bias controls (R119 and R169) to midpoint.
2. Connect a millivolt meter across TP201 and TP301.
3. Turn amplifier on and allow a 3 to 5 minute settling period.
4. Adjust BIAS control R119 to obtain either a + or - 10mV ($\pm 1\text{mV}$) indication on the millivolt meter.
5. Connect a millivolt meter across TP251 and TP351.
6. Adjust BIAS control R169 to obtain either a + or - 10mV ($\pm 1\text{mV}$) indication on the millivolt meter.
7. To check for proper bias setting, remove millivolt meter and apply input signal to obtain 66 watts into 8 ohms for 10 minutes with cover on.
8. Remove input signal and connect the millivolt meter as in Step 2 and step 5. Let amplifier idle until bias stabilizes and readjust to 10mV ($\pm 1\text{mV}$).

ADCOM GFA-555II SERVICE PARTS LIST

1. AUDIO INPUT/DRIVER PCB ASSEMBLY

INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

IC101, IC151 ADCOM 3A

TRANSISTORS:

Q101, Q102, Q151, Q152	2SC2362(K)(G)
Q103, Q153	2SC2240
Q104, Q106, Q154, Q156	2SA1016(K)(G)
Q105, Q107, Q155, Q157	2SA1210
Q108, Q158	2SC2912

DIODES:

D101, D102, D103, D104, _____ 1SS178
D151, D152, D153, D154 _____
D105, D155 1SS81

DIODES, ZENER:

GZA20X 20 VOLT

CAPACITORS, ELECTROLYTIC:

C104, C154 50V/4.7 μ F
 C109, C159 25V/470 μ F

CAPACITORS, FILM:

C103, C153 100V/0.1uF
 C107, C108, C110, _____ 50V/0.1uF
 C157, C158, C160 _____
 C101, C151 100V/1uF

CAPACITORS, MICA:

Capacitors, mfd.	100V/330pF
C102, C152	500V/15pF
C105, C155	500V/50pF
C106, C156	

RESISTOR, VARIABLE:

R119 R169 41-7126-0-0 2000 OHMS

RESISTORS, OXIDE METAL-FILM, 5%:

R104, R154 ½W/100 ohms
 R107, R157 ½W/3.9 kohms

RESISTORS, METAL-FILM, 1%

RESISTORS, MEDIUM POWER, 1% R101, R151	1/4W/1 Mohms
R102, R152	1/4W/100 kohms
R103, R111, R124, 	1/4W/1 kohms
R153, R161, R174	1/4W/825 ohms
R105, R155	1/4W/365 ohms
R106, R156	1/4W/47.5 kohms
R108, R158	1/4W/22.1 kohms
R109, R123, R159, R173, R180	1/4W/133 ohms
R110, R160	1/4W/33.2 ohms
R112, R113, R162, R163	1/4W/301 ohms
R114, R164	1/4W/10 kohms
R115, R122, R165, R172	1/4W/100 ohms
R116, R166	1/4W/381 ohms
R117, R167	1/4W/1.82 kohms
R118, R168	1/4W/1.5 Mohms
R126, R176	1/4W/475 ohms
R128, R178	1/4W/33 kohms
R129, R179	

RESISTORS, FUSIBLE, 5%
R120, R121, R170, R171 $\frac{1}{4}$ W/100 ohms

RESISTORS, CARBON-FILM, 5%
R125, R127, R175, R177 $\frac{1}{4}$ W/4.7 Mohms

THERMOSTATS:
S101, S151 Δ 81-7014 UP62, 85° C

SWITCH:
S102 81-322-0-0 B22JH

2. LEFT CHANNEL OUTPUT PCB ASSEMBLIES

TRANSISTORS:

Q201	2SC2912
Q202	2SD1047
Q203, Q204, Q205, Q206	2SD424
Q301	2SA1210
Q302	2SB817
Q303, Q304, Q305, Q306	2SB554
Q307	2SC2240

DIODES:

D201, D301 EPG50D

CAPACITORS, MICA:

C201, C301 500V/68pF

CAPACITORS, ELECTROLYTIC:

C202, C302 160V/47uF ECEA2AGE-470

RESISTORS, OXIDE METAL-FILM:

R202	$\frac{1}{2}$ W/470 ohms
R203, R302	$\frac{1}{2}$ W/1 kohms
R204	$\frac{1}{2}$ W/33 ohms

RESISTORS, METAL-FILM:

R201, R301	$\frac{1}{4}$ W/47 ohms
R205, R207, R209, R211, []	$\frac{1}{4}$ W/10 ohms
R303, R305, R307, R309 []	

RESISTORS, CEMENTED WIRE-WOUND:

R206, R208, R210, R212, [] 2W/0.22 ohms
R304, R306, R308, R310 []

THERMISTOR:

TH901 TD5-C310DA

3. RIGHT CHANNEL OUTPUT PCB ASSEMBLIES

TRANSISTORS:

Q251	2SC2912
Q252	2SD1047
Q253, Q254, Q255, Q256	2SD424
Q257	2SC2240
Q351	2SA1210
Q352	2SB817
Q353, Q354, Q355, Q356	2SB554

DIODES:

D251, D351 EPG50D

CAPACITORS, MICA:		
C251, C351	500V/68pF	
CAPACITORS, ELECTROLYTIC:		
C252, C352	160V/47uF	ECEA2AGE-470
RESISTORS, OXIDE METAL-FILM:		
R252	½W/470 ohms	
R253, R352	½W/1 kohms	
R254	½W/33 ohms	
RESISTORS, METAL-FILM:		
R251, R351	¼W/47 ohms	
R255, R257, R259, R262, 	¼W/10 ohms	
R353, R355, R357, R359		
RESISTORS, CEMENTED WIRE-WOUND:		
R256, R258, R261, R263,	2W/0.22 ohms	
R354, R356, R358, R360		
THERMISTOR:		
TH902	TD5-C310DA	

4. FILTER CAPACITOR PCB ASSEMBLIES

RESISTORS, OXIDE METAL-FILM:		
R801, R802, R803, R804	3W/3.9 kohms	
R805	2W/8.2 kohms	
CAPACITORS, FILM:		
C806, C807, C808, C809	100V/0.01uF	

5. CHASSIS-MOUNTED COMPONENTS

AC POWER SWITCH:		
S801	△ 12005C △ 12005CW	BLACK, CARLING RGSCC-711-R-B-B-O WHITE, CARLING RGSCC-711-R-W-W-O
POWER TRANSFORMER:		
T801	△ 23-2044-0-0	ADCOM
CAPACITORS, ELECTROLYTIC:		
C802, C803, C804, C805	△ 100V/15000uF	ADCOM
CAPACITORS, FILM:		
C901, C951	100V/0.01uF	
CAPACITORS, SPARK-KILLER:		
C801	△ 400V/0.01uF	ECKDNS103ZV
RESISTORS, OXIDE-METAL FILM, 5%:		
R901, R951	2W/10 ohms	
SILICON RECTIFIERS:		
D801, D802	△ 400V/25A	KBP2504
RCA JACKS:		
J901, J951	VTW-J5MI	ADCOM
SPEAKER TERMINALS:		
J902, J952	R33729	RED, ADCOM
J903, J953	B33729	BLACK, ADCOM

FUSE HOLDERS:

FH801	FH052
FH802, FH803, FH804, FH805	FH032

FUSES:

FU801 (120V UNIT)*	△ ABC-12/250V 3AB314012/250V CES6-12A/125V	BUSSMAN LITTELFUSE SOC
FU801 (220V UNIT)*	△ AGC-7/250V 3AG312007/250V	BUSSMAN LITTELFUSE
FU801 (240V UNIT)*	△ AGC-6/250V 3AG312006/250V CES14-6A/250V	BUSSMAN LITTELFUSE SOC
FU802, FU803, FU804, FU805*	△ AGC-7/250V 3AG312007/250V 3AG 7A/125V	BUSSMAN LITTELFUSE BEL

LEDs:

D803	LTL2201	RED, POWER INDICATOR
D903	LTL2201	RED, THERMAL PROTECTION
D901, D902	LTL2251	YELLOW, INSTANTANEOUS DISTORTION ALERT

6. POWER SUPPLY PCB ASSEMBLY FOR OPTIONAL FAN MOTOR, ISSUE "B"

INTEGRATED CIRCUITS:

IC601	NJM4558
IC602	NJM78M24FA

TRANSISTORS:

Q601	2SA1469R
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DIODES:

D601	1SS178
D602	DBA10B

CAPACITORS, ELECTROLYTIC:

C601	50V/10uF
C602	35V/1000uF

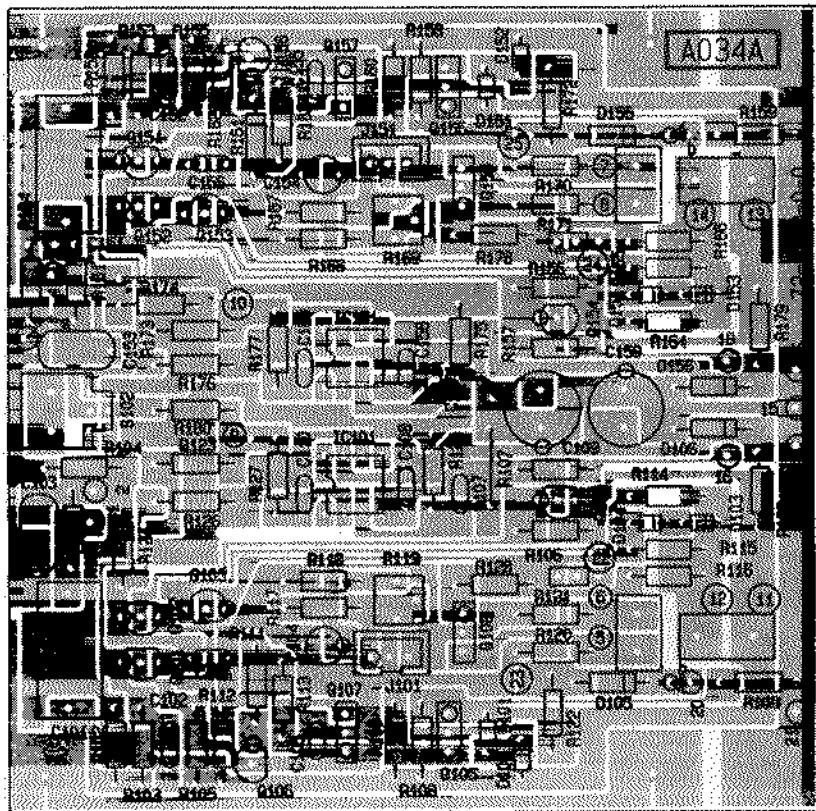
RESISTORS, CARBON-FILM, 5%:

R601, 604	1/4W/7.5 kohms
R602	1/4W/9.1 kohms
R603, R605, R606	1/4W/24 kohms
R607	1/4W/150 kohms
R608	1/4W/10 kohms
R609	1/4W/1 kohms

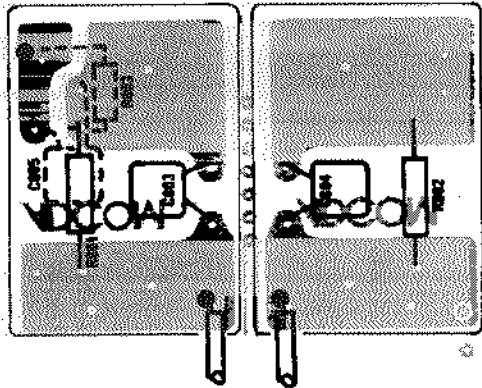
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△ **Because of fire, shock and/or other hazards, parts identified by, and listed with, this sign MUST be replaced with the IDENTICAL FACTORY PART listed in the SERVICE PARTS LIST. No substitutions with other "equivalent" parts can be made.**

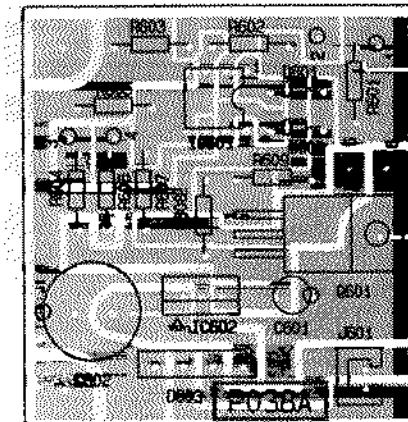
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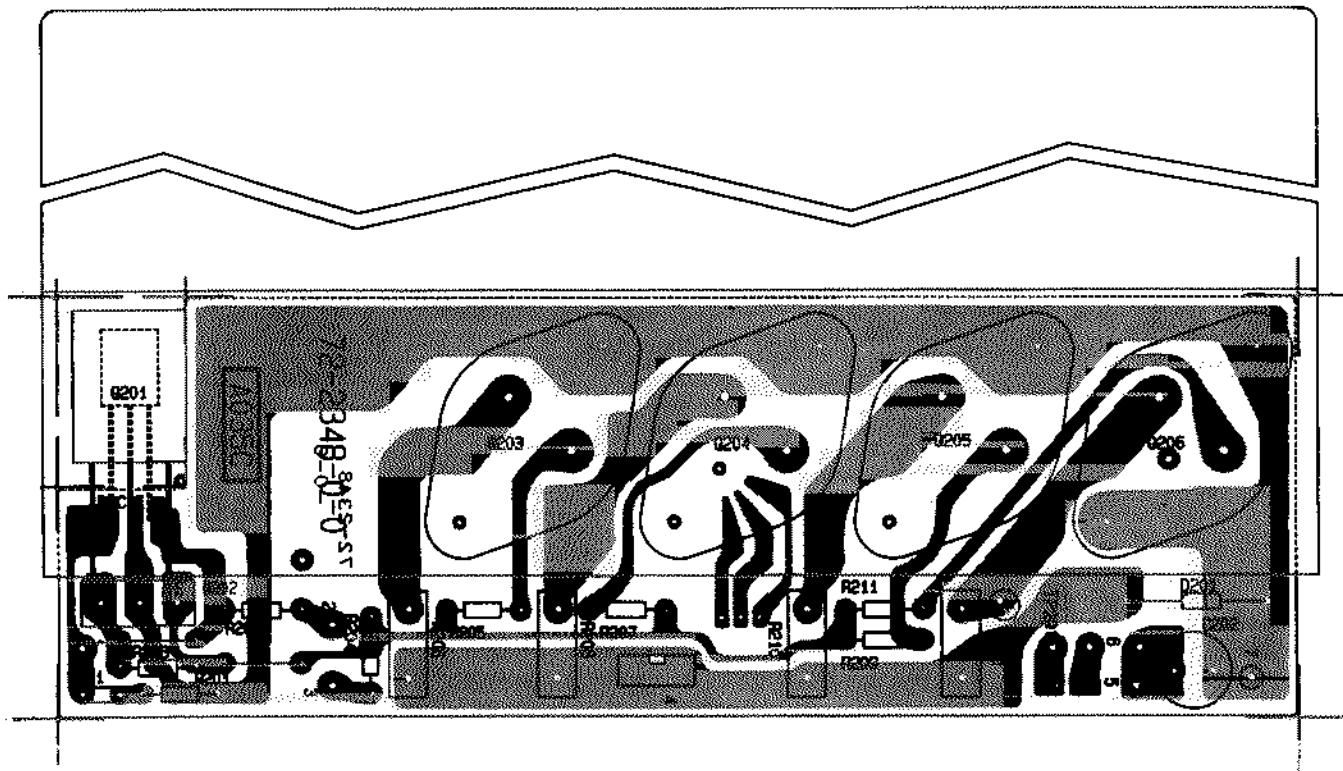
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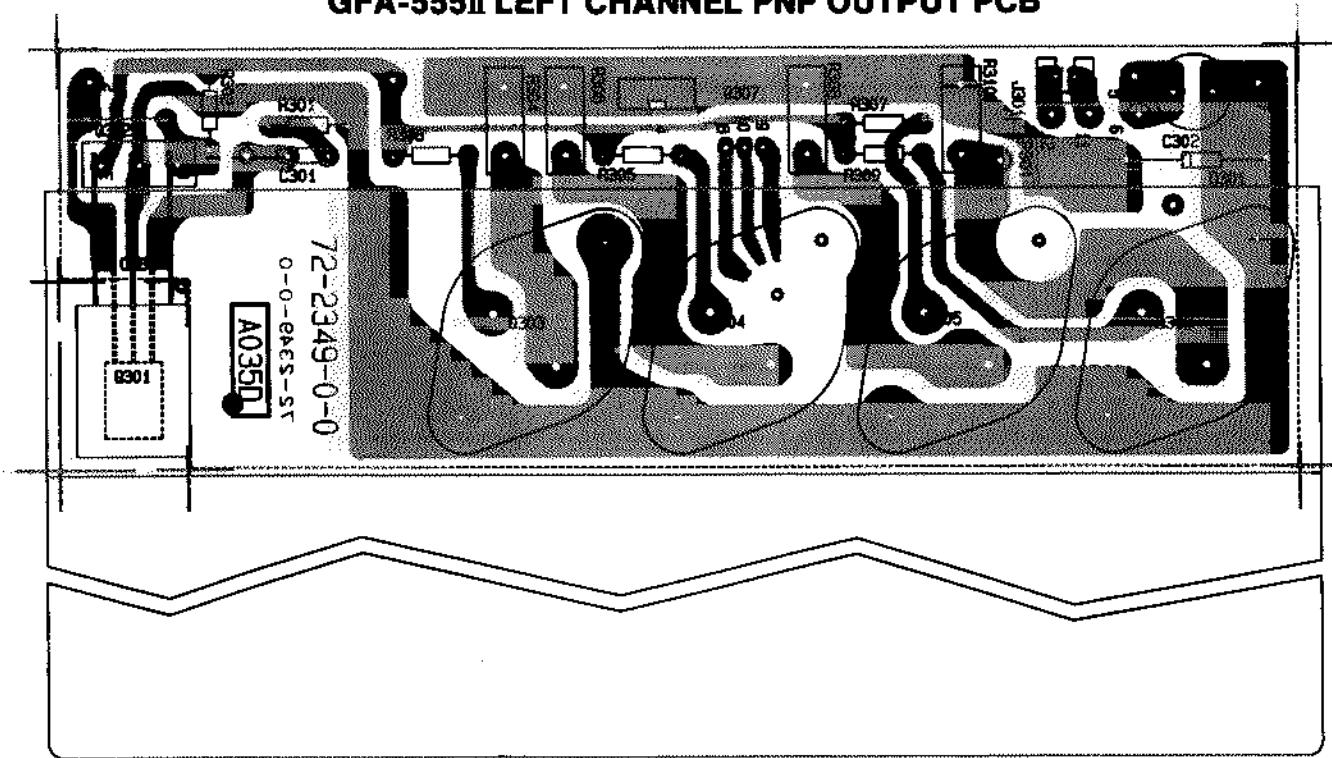
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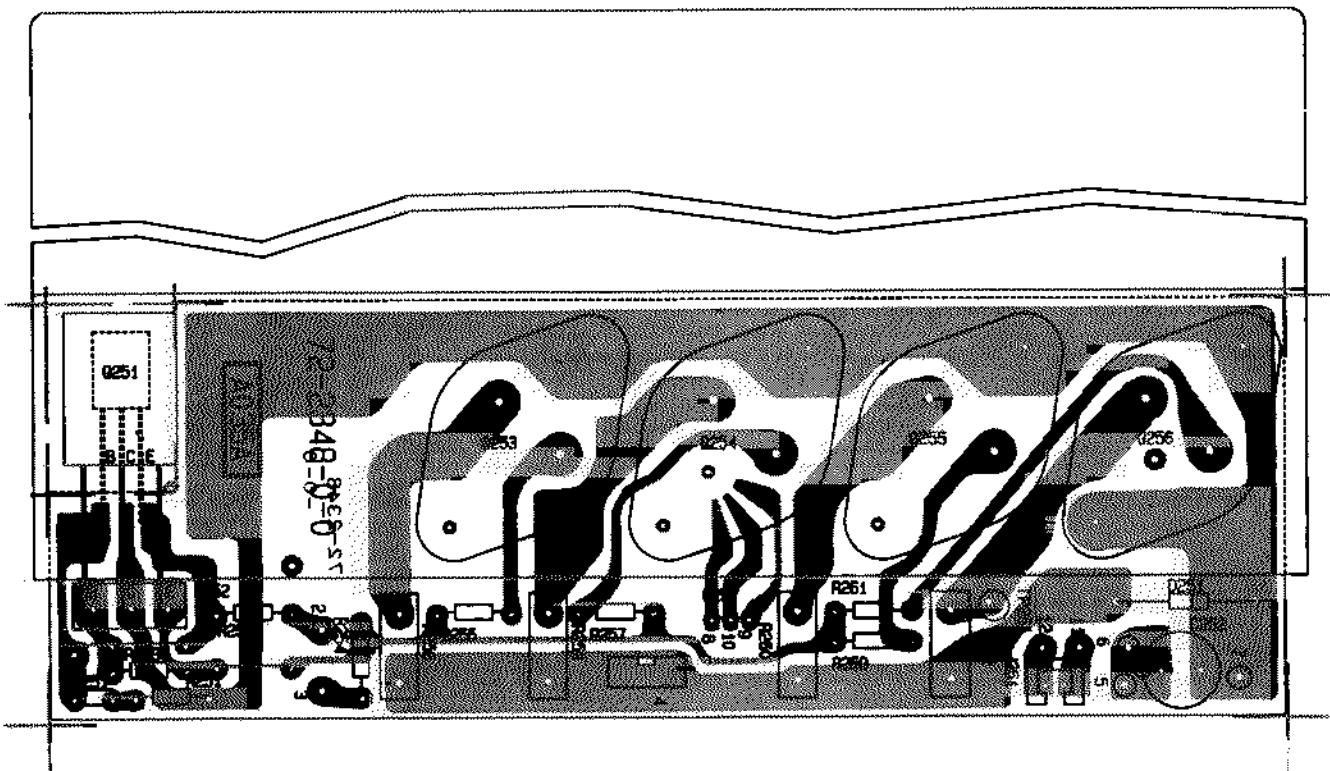
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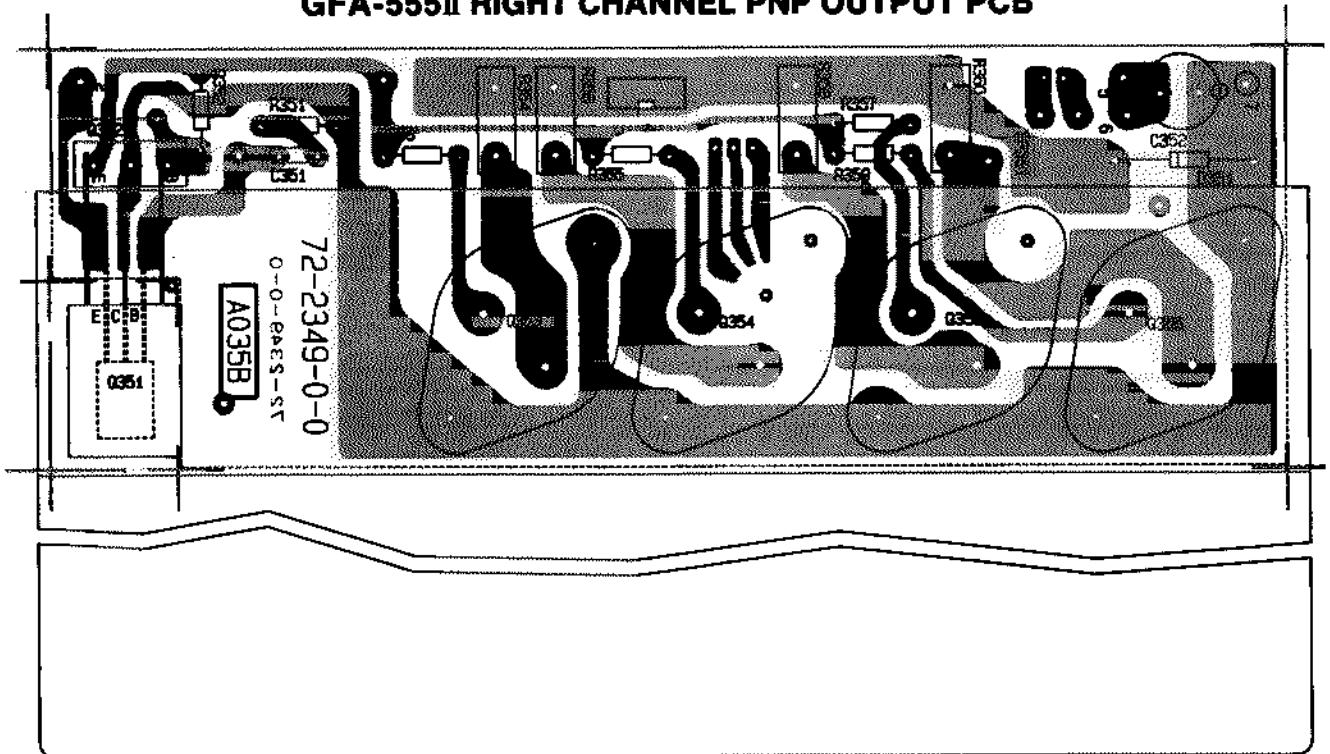
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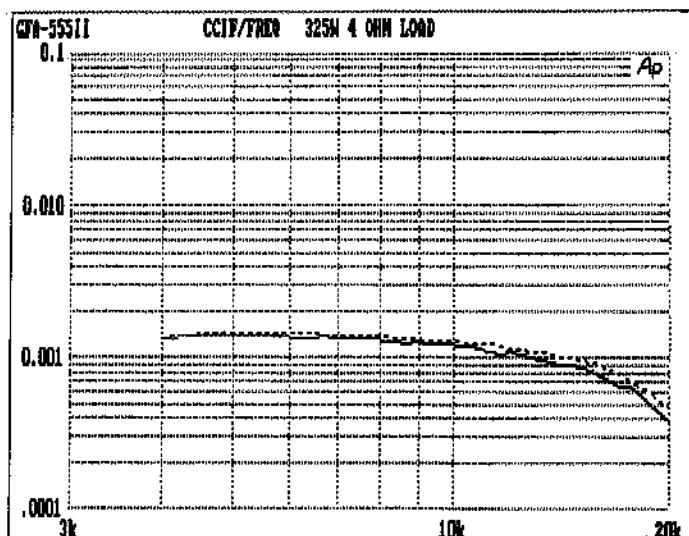
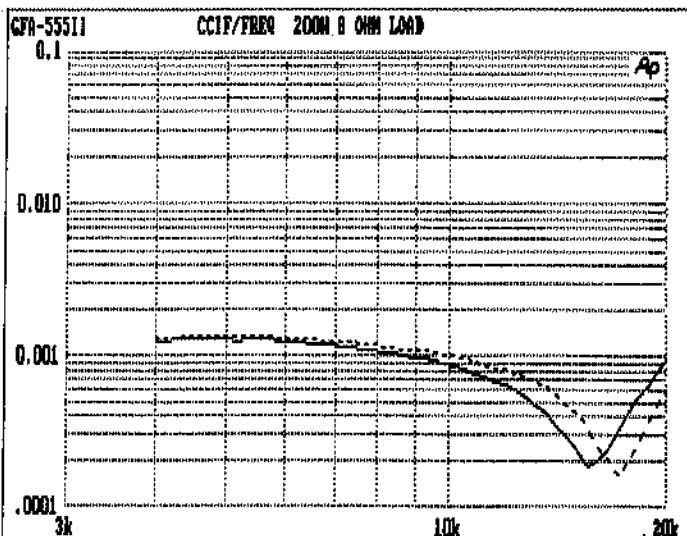
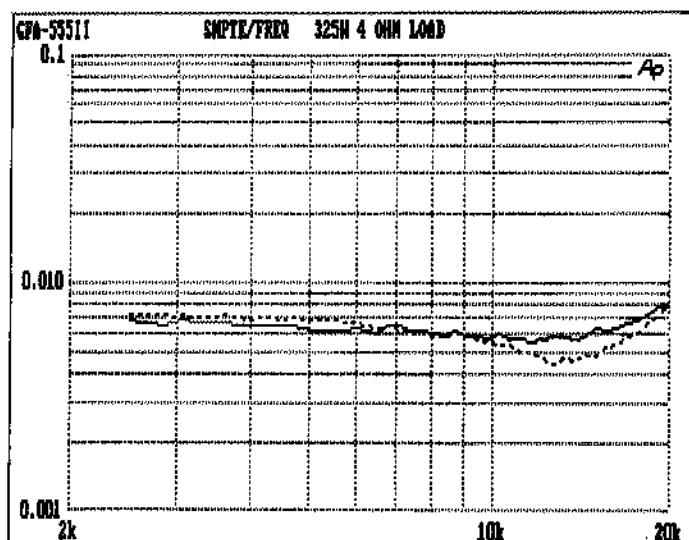
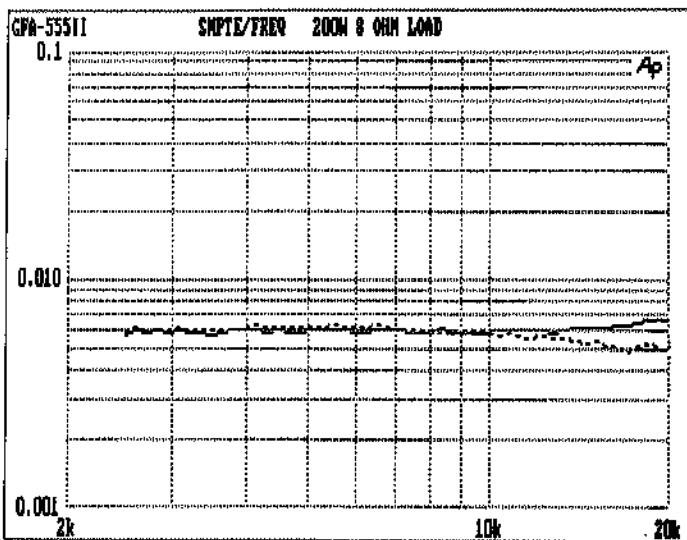
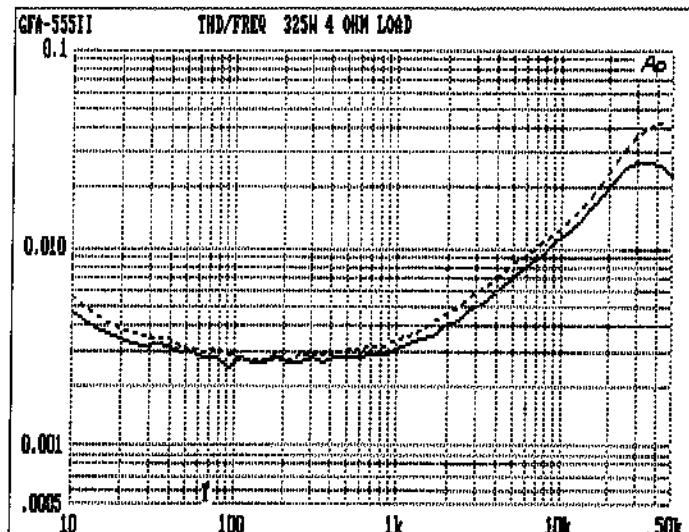
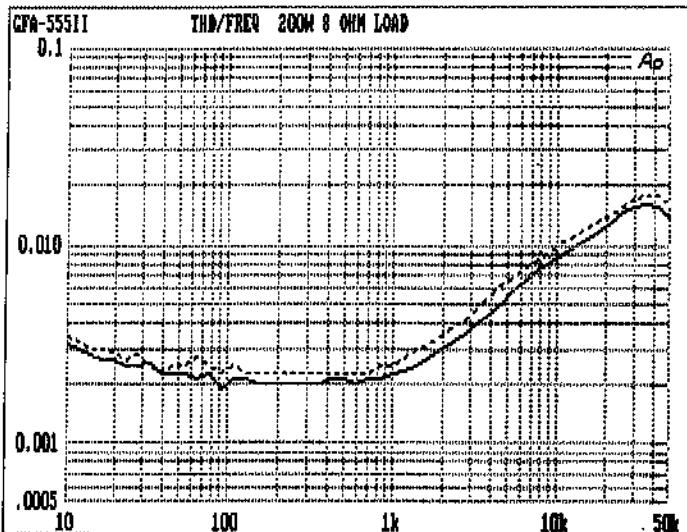
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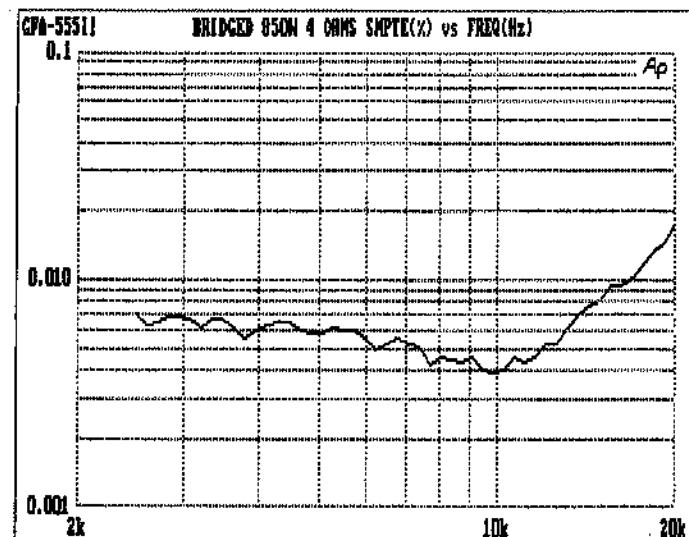
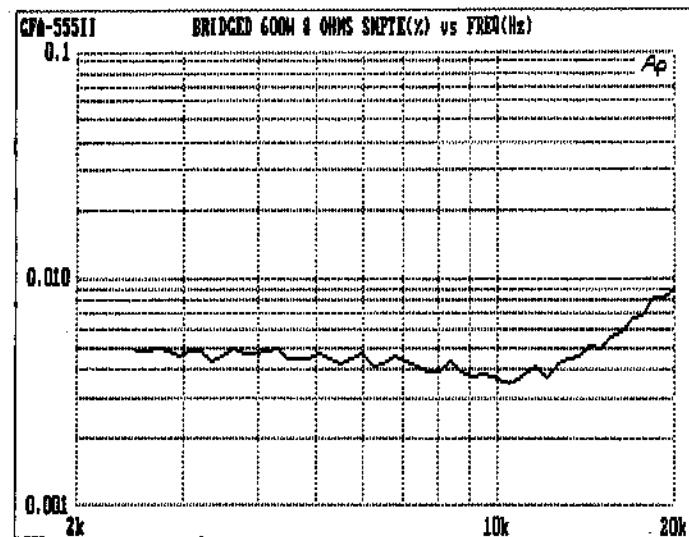
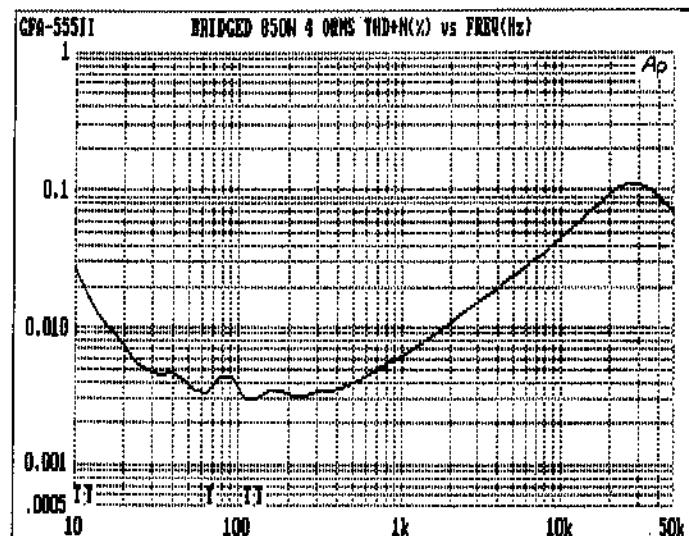
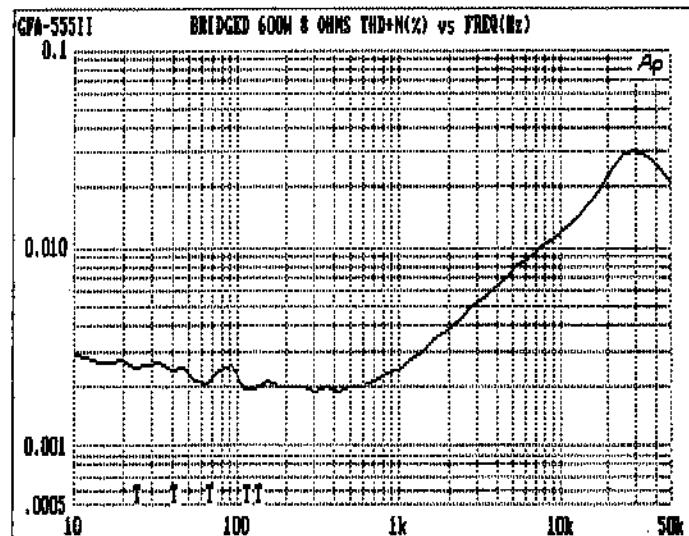
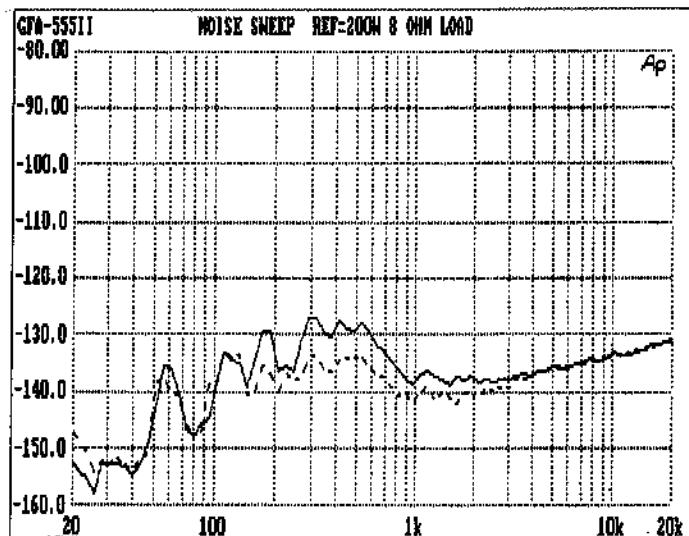
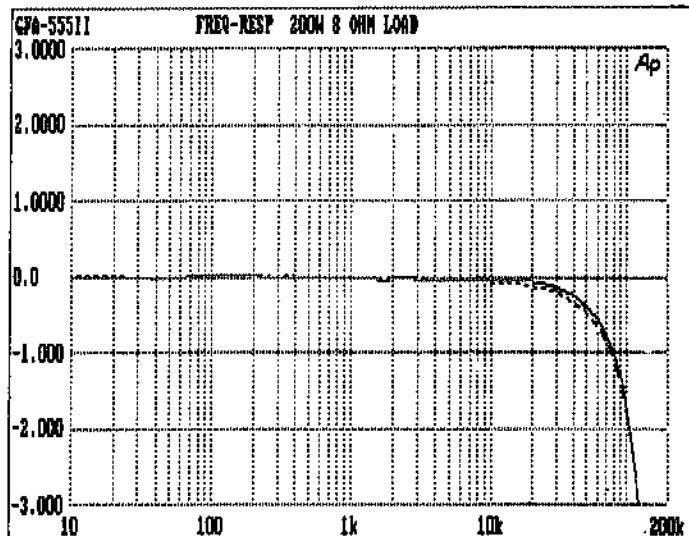
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA



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GFA-555II SPECIFICATIONS

Power Rating (To FTC Requirements)

200 watts continuous average power into 8 ohms at any frequency between 20Hz and 20kHz with both channels driven at less than 0.04% THD.

325 watts continuous average power into 4 ohms at any frequency between 20Hz and 20kHz with both channels driven at less than 0.04% THD.*

600 watts continuous average power into 8 ohms at any frequency between 20Hz and 20kHz at less than 0.09% THD, bridged.*

* With fan option installed.

IM Distortion (SMPTE)

1 watt to 200 watts into 8 Ohms	≤ 0.009%
1 watt to 325 watts into 4 Ohms	≤ 0.009%

IM Distortion (CCIF, Any Combination from 4kHz to 20kHz)

200 watts into 8 Ohms	≤ 0.002%
325 watts into 4 ohms	≤ 0.003%

THD + Noise at 200 Watts into 8 Ohms

20Hz	0.004%
1kHz	0.003%
10kHz	0.006%
20kHz	0.010%

THD + Noise at 325 Watts into 4 Ohms

20Hz	0.005%
1kHz	0.004%
10kHz	0.015%
20kHz	0.025%

IM Distortion, Bridged (SMPTE)

1 watt to 600 watts into 8 Ohms	≤ 0.05%
1 watt to 850 watts into 4 Ohms	≤ 0.05%

IM Distortion, Bridged (CCIF, Any Combination from 4kHz to 20kHz)

600 watts into 8 Ohms	≤ 0.005%
850 watts into 4 Ohms	≤ 0.005%

THD + Noise at 600 Watts into 8 Ohms, Bridged

20Hz	0.004%
1kHz	0.004%
10kHz	0.02%
20kHz	0.04%

THD + Noise at 850 Watts into 4 Ohms, Bridged

20Hz	0.01%
1kHz	0.007%
10kHz	0.05%
20kHz	0.09%

Frequency Response @ 1 Watt into 8 Ohms

10Hz to 20kHz	+0, -0.25dB
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Power Bandwidth (-3dB)

.....	1.7Hz to 100kHz
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Dynamic Headroom into 4 Ohms

.....	2.5dB
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Signal-to-Noise Ratio, "A" Weighted

200 watts into 8 Ohms	≥110dB
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Gain

.....	27dB
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Input Impedance

.....	100,000 ohms
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Input Sensitivity		
200 watts into 8 Ohms	1.75V rms
1 watt into 8 Ohms	130mV rms
Damping Factor		
20Hz to 20kHz	.....	≥ 800
Rise Time		
5kHz, 120V peak-to-peak square wave, 20% to 80%	.....	2.3us
Semiconductor Complement	.....	42 transistors, 2 zener diodes, 13 diodes, 2 ICs, 2 diode bridges
Power Consumption (Continuous, Both Channels Driven)		
Quiescent	.....	72VA
Maximum	.....	1500VA
200 watts into 8 Ohms	.....	675VA
325 watts into 4 Ohms	.....	1180VA
600 watts into 8 Ohms, bridged	.....	1320VA

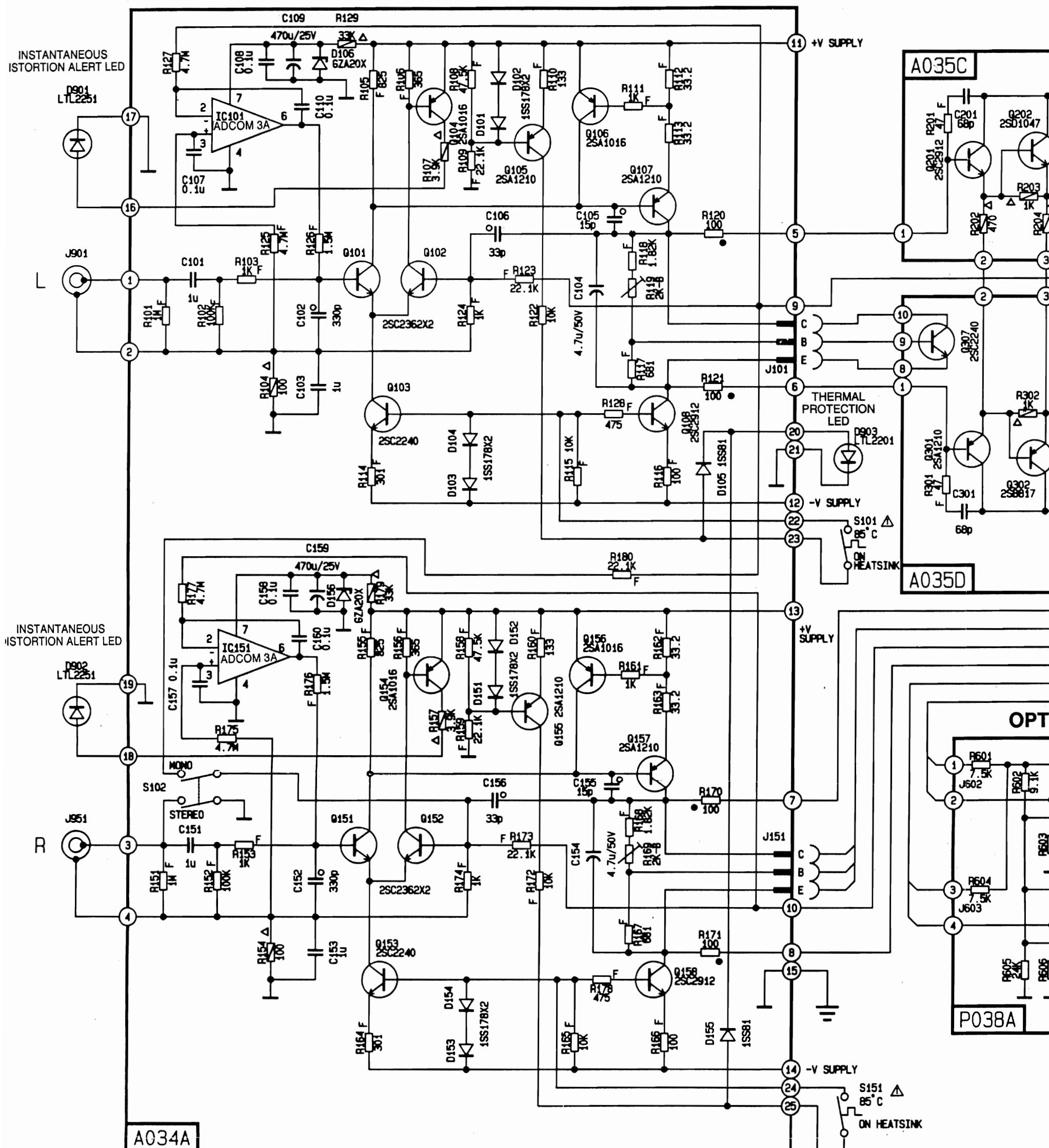
GENERAL

Power (available in 220V or 240V on special order)	.....	120VAC/50-60Hz
Chassis Dimensions	.....	6 ³ / ₄ "(172mm) x 17"(432mm) x 12 ³ / ₁₆ "(310mm)
Maximum Dimensions	7 ¹ / ₄ "(185mm) x 17"(432mm) x 12 ³ / ₁₆ "(310mm)
Weight	35 lbs. (16kg)
Weight, Packed	39 lbs. (18kg)

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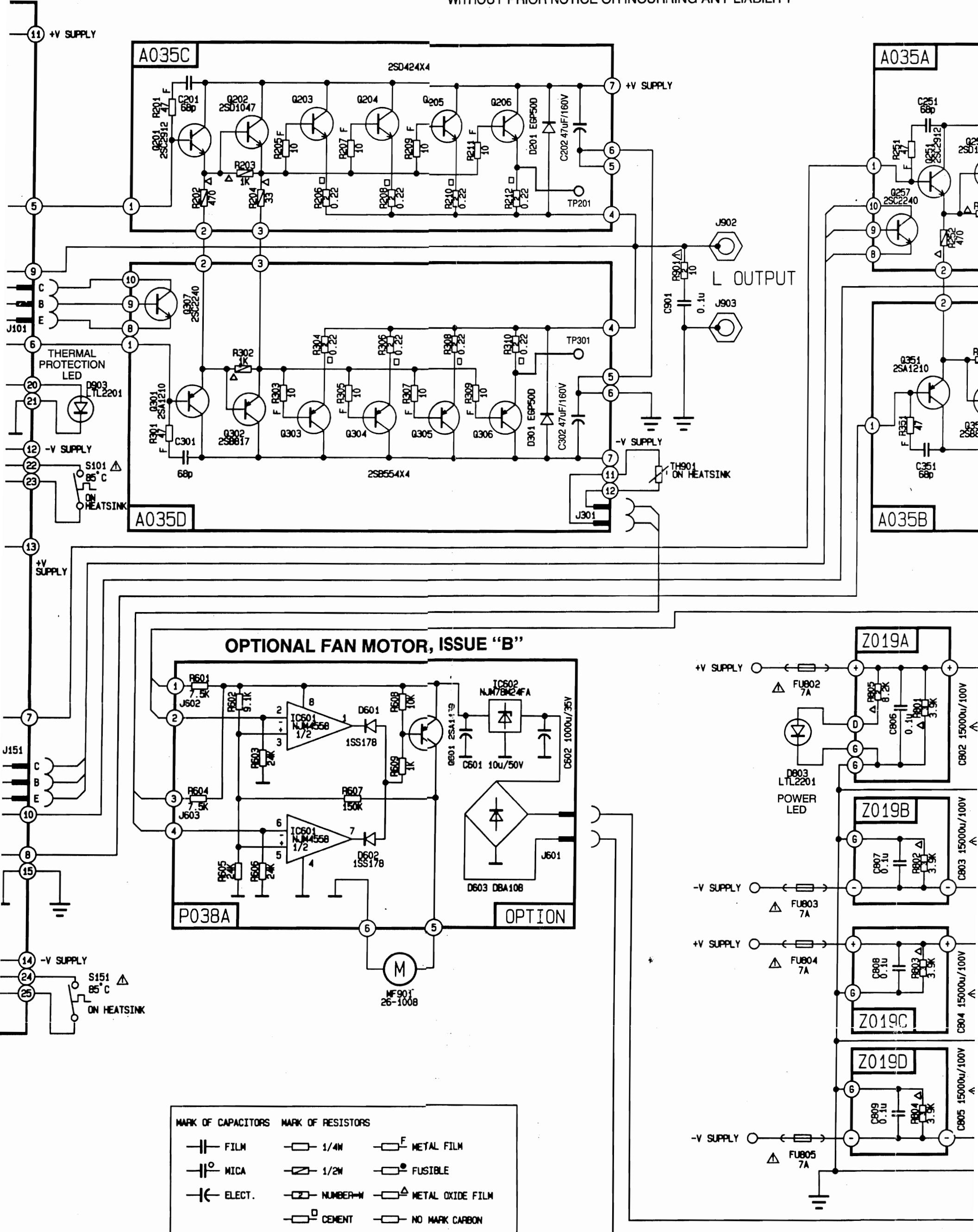
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM GFA-555II



MARK OF CAPACITOR

- FILM
- MICA
- ELECT.

**NOTE: ADCOM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY CIRCUITRY
AND/OR CHANGE COMPONENTS TO UPGRADE PRODUCT
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